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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Added) An insect attracting composition, said composition controls insects in plants, said insects being selected from insects of the *Coleoptera* order, and said plants being selected from plants of the family *Palmaceae*, sugar cane, banana tree and agaves, said composition comprising:

(1) a mixture comprising the following components:

(A) an organic compound selected from the group formed by methanol, ethanol, ethyl acetate, and mixtures thereof;

(B) a vegetable material obtained from a plant, said plant being selected from plants of the family *Palmaceae*, sugar cane, banana tree and agaves, said vegetable material being ground, fermented, and stabilized with a preserving agent; and

(C) an organic compound selected from the group formed by isobutyl acetate, acetoin, phenol, guaiacol, menthol, 2-phenylethanol, and mixtures thereof; and

(2) a pheromone, said pheromone comprising a pheromone which is appropriate for the insects to be controlled.

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16. (Previously Added) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said organic compound (A) is present in said mixture (1) in an amount comprising between 15% and 85% by weight in respect to the total amount of said mixture (1).
17. (Previously Added) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said vegetable material comprises a part of a plant selected from stems, leaves, fruits, and mixtures of these.
18. (Previously Added) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said vegetable material (B) is present in said mixture (1) in an amount comprising between 15% and 85% by weight in respect to the total amount of said mixture (1).
19. (Previously Added) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said preserving agent is selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, citric acid, and mixtures of these.
20. (Previously Added) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said organic compound (C) is present in said mixture (1) in an amount of up to 20% by weight in respect to the total amount of said mixture (1).

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21. (Previously Added) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said mixture (1) comprises:

35% by weight of ethyl acetate,

35% by weight of ethanol,

25% by weight of ascorbic acid stabilized, ground, and fermented sugar cane and/or coconut meat,

2.5% by weight of phenol, and

2.5% by weight of acetoin.

22. (Withdrawn)

23. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said mixture comprises:

(A) a mixture of ethanol and ethyl acetate;

(B) a vegetable material consisting of sugar cane and coconut meat, said vegetable material being ground, fermented and stabilized with a preserving agent selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, citric acid, and mixtures thereof; and

(C) a mixture of acetoin and phenol;

and said pheromone is rynchophorol rhynchopherol.

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24. (Previously Added) A method for controlling insects in plants, said insects being selected from insects of the *Coleoptera* order and said plants being selected from plants of the family *Plamaceae*, sugar cane, banana tree and agaves, which comprises applying an insect attracting composition according to claim 15, to a plantation of plants of the family *Palmaceae*, sugar cane, banana tree or agaves to be protected.